To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Thomas Halligan and I live in Vernon, CT.

I am asking that the committee reinstate the monies needed to run the Kensington Hatchery. I ask this as I am a volunteer with the CT River Salmon Association. Previously I taught Science in South Windsor for 30 plus years. I became involved with the Salmon Restoration Project during that time as it provided an excellent opportunity to relate to students how Science works and the value of taking care of their environment. The project was readily accepted by the students over the many years that I taught and it gave them valuable lessons that they could take with them as students and later as citizens of CT or the world.

I have continued to volunteer with the CRSA since I retired some 12 years ago and I continue to see firsthand the educational value used in a few school systems (Salem, Glastonbury, Tolland, Ellington, Windsor Locks, South Windsor, Manchester, Ashford) of the many which are involved in the project.

Sincerely, T. Halligan